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MEMORANDUM FOR: Curriculum Committee

FROM:

[redacted]
Chief, ISTD

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SUBJECT:

DESIST Training Plan [redacted]

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1. OBJECTIVES.

OTE will provide DESIST users with two weeks of training: a one-week User's Course to teach essential skills; and one or two "Packages Courses" related to software packages available to DESIST users. The purpose of the training is to give DESIST users an understanding of the system and to provide them with the computer skills necessary to use DESIST effectively.

a. In the User's Course, students will learn how to:

Access DESIST

Read incoming mail

Read cables and finished intelligence reports

Create a "user interest profile" for themselves

Create intelligence reports

Send mail and intelligence reports to other users

Use an integrated data base for information retrieval and analysis

Create and maintain private files

b. In the Packages Courses, which have not yet been designed, we will concentrate on advanced system capabilities not covered in the User's Course. [redacted]

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2. CUSTOMER.

OGI. [redacted]

[redacted] Chief, Terrorism Information Branch

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3. STUDENTS.

Students are primarily intelligence analysts who are specialists in international terrorism. We are being asked to train approximately 150 Agency and Intelligence Community employees by the end of March 1985. Eventually, there will be roughly 400 DESIST users who will need both introductory and advanced training.

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4. COURSE DESIGN.

The students will be taught through a combination of lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on workshops.

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5. COURSE SUBSTANCE.

In learning how to use DESIST, students will be taught the essential functions of:

The VM Editor

The AIM electronic mail system

The SCRIPT text editing language

The NOMAD data base management system

The Statistical Analysis System -- SAS

Host Based Word Processing

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6. COST.

Booz, Allen and Hamilton, Inc. is developing the User's Course. Booz, Allen employees will conduct the first six runnings of this course and then turn it over to OTE/ISTD. ISTD is developing the packages course.

Once the courses have been developed and several runnings of each have been conducted, OTE will need to allocate about 1/3 staff year for each of three instructors (a course director and two backup instructors). An additional 1/3 staff year of training assistant time will be needed.

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7. MARKETING.

No advertising is necessary. OGI will select all students from the DESIST user community.

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8. Post-course Evaluation.

An evaluation consisting of a questionnaire will be sent to students six months after each course. 

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DESIST User's Course

Schedule for Day 1

0845 - 0900 : Admin and Introductory Remarks
0900 - 0915 : Keynote Address
0915 - 1030 : System Overview
1030 - 1045 : BREAK
1045 - 1100 : Module 1: Delta Data Terminal and
Important Keys(for this module)
1100 - 1115 : Demonstration of logon/help/logoff
1115 - 1145 : Workshop 1: Workshop on logon/help/logoff
1145 - 1200 : Recap/questions
1200 - 1300 : LUNCH
1300 - 1330 : Module 2: DESIST Terminology
1345 - 1400 : BREAK
1400 - 1515 : Module 3: Overview - DESIST functions and
data bases
1515 - 1530 : BREAK
1530 - 1545 : Module 4: DESIST and the Intelligence Analyst
1545 - 1600 : Take questions on how DESIST will support
certain tasks

Schedule for Day 2

0845 - 0900 : Brief Review of Day 1

0900 - 1000 : Module 5: The Textual Data Base-Introduction

1000 - 1015 : BREAK

1015 - 1100 : Module 6: The Textual Data Base-Query

1100 - 1130 : Workshop 2: Workshop on the TDB

1130 - 1230 : LUNCH

1230 - 1245 : Workshop questions/solution

1245 - 1330 : Module 7: How to Get Current Intelligence -
UIP & HITS

1330 - 1345 : Workshop 3: Group Exercise - "How to Build a UIP"

1345 - 1400 : Module 8: How to Input a UIP

1400 - 1430 : Workshop 4: Workshop on UIPs

1430 - 1445 : BREAK

1445 - 1530 : Module 9: Read Mail

1530 - 1600 : Workshop 5: Workshop on Read Mail

Schedule for Day 3

0845 - 0900 : Brief Review of Day 1 and 2
0900 - 0930 : Module 10: Send Mail
0930 - 1000 : Workshop 6: Workshop on Send Mail
1000 - 1015 : BREAK
1015 - 1030 : Module 11: Replying to Mail
1030 - 1100 : Workshop 7: Replying to Mail
1100 - 1110 : Workshop questions/solutions
1110 - 1130 : Module 12: Search Queries
1130 - 1200 : Workshop 8: Workshop on Search Queries
1200 - 1300 : LUNCH
1300 - 1330 : Module 13: Private File Management-Intro
1330 - 1415 : Module 14: Private File Management-Manipulation
1415 - 1445 : Workshop 9: Workshop on Private File Management
1445 - 1530 : Module 15: Private File Management-SCRIPT
1530 - 1600 : Workshop 10: Workshop on Using SCRIPT Commands

Schedule for Day 4

0845 - 0900 : Brief Review of Day 2 and 3
0900 - 0915 : Module 16: Creating an Intelligence Abstract
0915 - 0945 : Module 17: Abstract - Creating the Reference File
0945 - 1015 : Workshop 11: Build a Reference File
1015 - 1030 : BREAK
1030 - 1100 : Module 18: Abstract - Reading the Reference File
1100 - 1130 : Workshop 12: Workshop - Reading the Reference File
1130 - 1230 : LUNCH
1230 - 1300 : Module 19: Abstract - Creating the Abstract
1300 - 1330 : Workshop 13: Workshop - Building an Abstract
1330 - 1345 : Workshop review/solution
1345 - 1415 : Module 20: The Integrated Data Base
1415 - 1430 : BREAK
1430 - 1530 : Module 21: The Integrated Data Base - Data Organization
1530 - 1600 : Recap Abstract and IDB

